

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at City Hall on Tuesday, December 19, 2006

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

Council present: Mayor Larry Piper, Rodney Weems, Gary Coker, Rita McMillan, Larry Borders, and Ken McConnell.

Also present: Tim Moss, City Manager; Gary Stroud, Police Chief, and Charlie Stevenson, City Attorney; Homer Toscano, Director of Public Works, absent.

## **3. INVOCATION**

Invocation was given.

## **4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

## **5 WELCOME OF VISITORS**

None

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Larry Borders made a motion to accepted the minutes from November 21, 2006. Gary Coker seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

## **7. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Rodney Weems made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$17,498.74. Gary Coker seconded the motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

## **8. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Devin Lemon gave the report for the Fire Department; they had 15 calls total. Thanked Tim and the City for finding a culvert for the entrance of fire field. Received their new pumper truck. They also received a grant for \$50,000.00. New officers for 2007 are as follows: Devin Lemon - Chief; Craig King- 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief; Tim Webb - 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief, Roger Barton, Troy LaFleur, and Paul Jordon - Captains. Tim Webb - Treasurer. Cindy King - Secretary. Neal Bess - Chaplin. Banquet: January 27, 2007.

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Texas - New Mexico Franchise Agreement**

Rita McMillan moved to table Texas - New Mexico Franchise Agreement until January meeting so that we can get more information. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

### **B. 8- Liner Ordinance**

Rita McMillan made a motion to table the 8 - Liner Ordinance until January meeting. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Walter Holloman / Subdivide Property**

No show

### **B. Property Tax Resale / Sycamore Street**

Larry Borders made a motion to accept the Property Tax Resale Bid on Sycamore St. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

### **C. Resolution Opposing School Finance or Tax System Reforms**

Mayor Piper discussed the resolution. Larry Borders made a motion to approve the resolution as written. Gary Coker seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

### **D. City Holidays for 2007**

Gary Coker made a motion to accept the Holidays for 2007. Larry Borders seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

### **E. Joint Contract with Brazoria County for May Elections**

Larry Borders made a motion to proceed with the Joint Contract with Brazoria County for May Elections. Rodney Weems seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

### **F. Approve variance for P.T. Brunner**

Larry Borders made a motion to approve giving a license to Milt's Mini Mart 605 N Main (P.T. Brunner); to build on City property. Rita McMillan seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

## 11. Mayor, Council and Staff Reports

**Chief Stroud** –Read Percy Truitt’s resignation effective 12-31-06. Also, Mike Diaz is in process on getting a job with the border patrol. Judge Snead passed away services Thurs. Dec. 21, 2006 at 2:30PM

**Mayor Piper** – Texas New Mexico has accepted our offer to purchase the building on Oak St.

**Larry Borders** – Thanks to P.D. and City Employees for helping with lights at the Little League Field.

**Tim Moss** -- Our report for the gas system for 2006. We have gotten another perfect score; 8 years in a row. Also, Roger Mumby is leaving West Columbia; he will be having a reception on Wednesday 2-4.

## 12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.**

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**Reatta Minshew, City Secretary**